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CARRANZA TROOPS SAID TO BE PREPARING FOR WARFARE

WIRELESS DISPATCH DE-CLARES SUPPLY TRAINS IN DANGER.

MEXICAN ARTILLERY A MENACE

It is Expected that 70,000 Guardsmen will Soon Reach Border.

INTERNATIONAL LINE PATROLLED

Note Rejecting Carranza's Demands Has Been Dispatched by Lansing.

Columbus, N. M., June 21.—Carranza soldiers and troops of General Pershing's command south of Nami-quipa are on the verge of hostilities, according to reports from the field tonight. A wireless dispatch from Col. Cabell, General Pershing's chief of staff, said that American motor truck supply trains are in danger of being fired upon by Carranza soldiers.

The Mexicans are said to have mounted artillery in positions menacing the Americans and dispatches indicate that with the two commands in close proximity the danger of a clash is increasing.

Persistent rumors were in circulation here tonight that General Pershing has split his command into three columns, each prepared to move in the event of hostilities, while others said that truck trains had been fired upon. No confirmation of these reports could be obtained at military headquarters here.

San Antonio, Texas, June 21.—With the arrival of national guardsmen which General Funston today asked the War Department to send to the border as quickly as possible, it is believed that an American force of approximately 70,000 men will be stationed along the international boundary within a week, facing the army of the de facto Mexican government.

General Funston did not announce today how many troops he had asked for nor the stations to which they will be sent, but it is known that he expects more than a division and it is said that not less than 28,000 will be sent. Advice received at army headquarters late today indicated that the first of the reinforcements would entrain early tomorrow.

The border army, already made up of troops of the regular establishments and the militiamen of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, comprises more than 40,000 troops.

The army already patrolling the international line is prepared to resist any aggression the Mexican forces might make, but it was demonstrated sometime ago that it was not big enough to guard the long line from Brownsville to the Pacific and army officers never have regarded it as strong enough to undertake the invasion in force. General Funston's request for the guardsmen was for "a number sufficient to give adequate protection to the border." Officers at his headquarters also felt that with this increased force operations in Mexico on a big scale might be undertaken, but in the event of intervention or any action making necessary a general forward movement into Mexico, General Funston explained that he would ask immediately for the remainder of the 100,000 guardsmen called to service this week.

Washington, June 21.—A note signed by Secretary Lansing conveying President Wilson's rejection of the demands for the withdrawal of American soldiers from Mexico, accompanied by a specific warning that an attack on the troops "will lead to the gravest consequences," was telegraphed to Mexico City today by Eliseo Arrendondo, Mexican ambassador designate.

When the note had been handed to Mr. Arrendondo for delivery to his chief, copies were sent to all embassies and legations for their information. A summary was telegraphed to Special Agent Rodgers in Mexico City that he might wisely counsel American residents there. He will not communicate it to Carranza officials.

Mr. Rodgers reported during the

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HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

The famous art collection of the late M. Chabrieres-Aries, of Paris and Lyons, is now the property of Duveen Brothers, who have brought it to New York and will display it in their galleries there.

Resolutions making effective at once the military section of the army reorganization bill have been prepared by Chairman Hay of the House military committee and the War Department officials. Under this resolution the militia can be used anywhere. It would become effective on July 1.

Final census bureau statistics for the 1915 cotton crop in the United States placed the production at 11,191,820 equivalent to five hundred pound bales, the smallest crop since 1909.

The Italian government has decided to permit wives of Italians who have become naturalized Americans and have not returned to Italy for military service, to rejoin their husbands in America. This has heretofore been forbidden.

Johany Dodge third baseman of the Mobile team, died from concussion of the brain Tuesday night as the result of injuries received by being struck in the face by a pitched ball during the Mobile-Nashville game Sunday. The Mobile-Memphis game for Wednesday afternoon was cancelled out of respect for Dodge.

More than \$1,000,000,000 in operating income will be earned by the railroads of the United States for the year ending this month. An Interstate Commerce Commission report shows that during the ten months ending with April, operating revenues of the roads amounted to \$2,797,817,962 indicating a total of approximately \$3,360,000,000 by the end of the fiscal year, and operating expenses were \$1,327,816,880, indicating a total of about \$2,208,000,000 for the year. Net revenue from the railway operations during the 10 months was \$970,001,082, but deductions for tax accruals and uncollectable revenues brought the recorded operating income to \$848,542,135.

Will Enforce Sanitary Law.

Following a health survey of this city recently made by Dr. R. H. von Esdorff, and Mr. A. T. Le Prince, of the United States Health Bureau, Mayor Gunter has issued a proclamation stating that all local sanitary ordinances will be rigidly enforced. Two thousand copies of the ordinances were printed for distribution among property holders and tenants, and officers will make inspection to see that the provision of these ordinances has been carried out.

Spann to Be at University.

Prof. J. T. Spann, who was recently named by the local school directors to fill the vacancy in the high school made by the resignation of Mrs. J. A. Martin, nee Miriam Sykes, on Monday received word from the University of Mississippi of his appointment as active associate professor of mathematics. Feeling that he could not well afford to turn down the latter offer, he was compelled to give up the position at Franklin Academy. It is not known who will fill the place formerly held by Mrs. Martin.

Will Give "Weighing Party."

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star will give a benefit entertainment at the Masonic Temple Friday evening in the form of a "Weighing Party." No admission fee will be charged, but each person will be expected to pay a small sum to have herself or himself weighed. Besides an interesting program, refreshments will be served free. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Editor Will Smith, of the Daily Times-Herald, was among the West Point citizens who enjoyed the ball games here Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Hortense Anderson, of Mulden, has been spending the past several days here the guest of Misses Nina and Dewdrop Willford.

William Franklin, Jr., a fine nine pound boy, made his arrival to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ezell on last Sunday evening.

VOLUNTEERS TO BE ORGANIZED HERE

CAPT. T. H. SHARP AND MR. WEATHERLY AT HEAD OF MOVEMENT.

WILL OFFER TO SERVE UNCLE SAM

Recruiting Will Begin Soon, and Men Will Be Ready to Answer Volunteer Call.

Sharing the patriotism and desire for public service which has been apparent throughout the country since President Wilson issued his call to members of the national guard, Capt. T. H. Sharp and Mr. J. G. Weatherly, of this city, have decided to raise a company of infantry, and will offer their services should a call for volunteers be issued.

Capt. Sharp is a scion of a family noted for bravery on the field of battle, being a son of the late Gen. J. H. Sharp, who was one of the most noted Confederate generals of the civil war. Capt. Sharp, who is at present postmaster, has himself had valuable military experience, having commanded a company of volunteers during the recent war with Spain. Mr. Weatherly is secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, and is a patriotic and public spirited citizen. He is a native of the south and possesses the bravery and valor for which this section is noted.

Plans to organize the company are being rapidly matured, and the organization will in all likelihood be mobilized here. Capt. Sharp will be in command, while Mr. Weatherly will serve as first lieutenant, and other officers will be selected after organization has been completed. The company is not only from Columbus, but from all portions of East Mississippi and West Alabama, and it is expected to have fully one hundred men in readiness in the event that a call for volunteers should be issued.

We regret to learn that little Miss Carrie Battle Palmer is very sick at her home on the Highlands.

AUSTRIAN RETREAT CONTINUES BEFORE ADVANCING RUSSIANS

PETROGRAD DECLARES AUSTRIAN ARMY CUT INTO BY RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

London, June 21.—The Russians, continuing their advance against the Austrians in Bukovina, have crossed the Sereth river southwest of Czernowitz, and occupied the towns of Zadova, Stroginitz and Gubela. The Austrians in this region, their army cut into, are declared by Petrograd to be in disorderly retreat, with the Russians energetically pursuing them toward the Carpathian mountains.

An element of uncertainty as to the situation between the Pripiet river and the Galician frontier has arisen owing to the divergent report of the Russian and German war offices, both of which claim successes for their armies. Northeast of Kiserlin, between Lutsk and the Vladimir-Volynski railway, Petrograd says an Austrian attack, supported by Germans, was repulsed, while Berlin asserts that the fighting allies were victorious and are fighting their way forward against the Russians.

In Galicia, the Austrians and Germans are still desperately resisting the Russian attempts to press forward towards Lemberg.

In general the situation on the other war fronts is unchanged.

In the region of Fort Vaux, northeast of Verdun, there has been rather lively artillery fighting and bombardments, and mining operations have taken place along the remainder of the French front.

Attacks and counter attacks by the Austrians and Italians in the Trentino region have followed each other, but neither of the belligerents have been able to make any marked progress.

College Books Being Audited.

Hon. and Mrs. O. F. Lawrence, of Grenada, are registered at the Gilmer Hotel. Mr. Lawrence, who is one of the trustees of the state educational institutions, is in the city for the purpose of auditing the books of the Industrial Institute and College.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY STIRS HUNTSVILLE

SUICIDE OF ATTORNEY FOLLOWS MURDER OF PROBATE JUDGE.

UNJUSTLY LINKED WITH THE MURDER

Military Company Guards Jail While Special Grand Jury Investigates Situation.

Huntsville, Ala., has been stirred from center to circumference by a sensational murder and an equally sensational suicide which have taken place there during the past few days, the finding of the lifeless body of Probate Judge W. T. Lawler, who was killed by political enemies, having been quickly followed by the suicide of Shelby S. Pleasants, a prominent attorney of that city.

Even the palate of Huntsville, satiated during the past week by the sensational, was not proof against this bolt from the blue and the town ceased motion for a minute with a gasp of horror.

Simultaneously with the death of Mr. Pleasants came the announcement of the surrender to the authorities of Charles M. Nalls, the circuit court clerk who was wanted in connection with the murder of Judge Lawler, but it scarcely created a ripple.

Had a Huntsville man been asked what was the thing least likely to happen it is quite probable that he would without an instant of deliberation have named the very thing which occurred with dramatic suddenness on Monday afternoon. It should be borne in mind that Pleasants' name had not been mentioned in connection with the murder of Judge Lawler. He was connected with neither faction and took no interest in the fight between the two.

Pleasants was a Republican and made no attempt to participate in Democratic primaries. He had even refrained from expressing an opinion on the Lawler case and so far as could be ascertained had not been unduly interested in the matter. Consequently the note which he left was piling Pelion upon the Ossa of his death.

The note was taken in charge by Coroner Poole and later turned over to relatives who withheld it from publication. The sense of the note, however, became public property.

Briefly, the note declared that the writer had been falsely accused of connection with the crime, that he was wholly innocent, that he had been suffering from nervous prostration for five years and that he was unable to stand it longer. The note concluded with a plea for forgiveness.

Definite funeral arrangements had not been made yesterday, pending advice from relatives outside of Huntsville, but they will probably be held this afternoon from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Marie Pleasants. Mrs. Pleasants is his only

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CAPT. E. B. SPRAGUE, AGED RAILROAD MAN, IS DEAD

PASSED AWAY AT HOME OF SON-IN-LAW YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Capt. E. B. Sprague, an old and highly respected citizen, died at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. T. L. Lawrence, about one mile west of Columbus on the Robertson road at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He had been in bad health for quite a long time, and his death was by no means unexpected.

Capt. Sprague was one of the best known railroad men in this section, and his death is a source of profound regret not only to members of the family but to countless friends. He was a native of Indiana, but came to this city about fifteen years ago, and had since served the Southern Railway and Southern Railway in Mississippi in various capacities. He was employed as local yardmaster for some time, and later had runs between Columbus and Greenville and Columbus and Birmingham.

Deceased was 75 years old, and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. T. L. Lawrence, at whose home he died, and Mrs. H. E. West, of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been announced.

THE ENUMERATION IS DISAPPOINTING

NUMBER OF EDUCABLE CHILDREN LESS THAN EXPECTED.

IS 5,000 UNDER THE LAST COUNT

Assessor Vaughn Thinks Some Children Were Overlooked and will Make Recount.

Acting upon the assumption that many adolescents were overlooked in the recent enumeration of educable children within the borders of Lowndes county, which showed a falling off of something like 5,000 as compared to a similar enumeration made four years ago, Tax Assessor George W. Vaughn, who under the law is in charge of work of this character, is preparing to make a recount, and confidently believes that the new count will show an appreciable increase over the one which has just been completed.

Should the count, which was recently completed, prove to be correct, it would have a most disastrous effect upon local educational interests, as it would serve to reduce Lowndes county's share of the state school fund something like \$84,000. This fund is distributed quadrannally, and the share of each county is based upon the number of educable children therein.

Tax Assessor Vaughn has been in bad health practically every since his induction into office, and the recent enumeration was made by two assistants. While these assistants are both good men, they lacked experience, and it is thought that many children of educable age were overlooked. In fact, Mr. Vaughn and President Hatchett, of the Board of Supervisors, who are making an investigation, have already had their attention called to cases where families containing large numbers of children were never approached by the enumerators, and all indications point to the fact that the second count will show a large increase over the one which has recently been completed.

YOUNG MISSISSIPPIS TO BE CALLED TO COLORS

GOVERNOR BILBO WILL ISSUE PROCLAMATION URGING THEM TO ENLIST.

Jackson, Miss., June 20.—Governor Bilbo tomorrow will issue a proclamation calling young Mississippians to the colors to enter the war with Mexico if it should come. Brigadier General Eric C. Seales, the adjutant general, this morning issued orders on authority of the war department which will convert the Mississippi National Guard into regimental instead of battalion formations; these are the chief developments in the local military situation today.

The orders of General Seales today appointed Major George C. Hoskins, of Brookhaven, colonel of the First Mississippi regiment. Battalion commanders are, First Battalion, Major George E. Hogaboom, of Vicksburg; Second Battalion, Major Charles Richard Dalbey; Third Battalion, Major A. H. Patterson, of Natchez. Colonel Hoskins and all three majors have been ordered to report to Camp Sweb Taylor here at once. Major E. B. Boyd, of Macon, has been appointed lieutenant colonel of the regiment.

The adjutant general also today ordered the First Independent Band and the Hospital Corps at Hickory to report at their armories at once, and be ready to come here on a moment's notice. These military units were not included in the first orders of Sunday night.

General Seales said today that there was a gratifying response on the part of men all over the state, and he thought by Saturday evening of the dozen companies of the regiment would be recruited to 140 men. It seemed probable at noon that the men may come sooner.

Fully 1,800 enlisted men and officers of the Mississippi National Guard, it is believed, will be at the mobilization camp in this state by next Sunday, as reports pouring into the headquarters of General Seales state that no difficulty in securing men to recruit companies up to full war strength are being thus far encountered.

FLAG PRESENTED TO THE RIFLEMEN

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER GIVEN ON EVE OF DEPARTURE.

CAPT. STURDIVANT DELIVERS SPEECH

Flag is Presented by Miss Jennie Sharp, Daughter of Local Postmaster.

Announcement of the fact that the National Guard in every state throughout the Union had been ordered to mobilize preparatory to an expedition to Mexico caused plans for the preparedness dance and mimic bandit raid which were to have taken place Friday night at Lake Park under the auspices of the Columbus Riflemen to be abandoned, and instead of these festivities, there was a flag presentation on Wednesday evening. A large number of patriotic citizens assembled at the park, and a large American flag was presented to the company by twelve little girls, who made the presentation on behalf of the people of Columbus.

The Columbus Riflemen is one of the oldest military organizations in Mississippi, having been organized in 1831. The company has already seen service in three conflicts, having participated in the Mexican, civil and Spanish-American wars, and the impending trip to Mexico will give it a record of four wars.

While it is not yet known just when the company will leave, preparations for departure are in progress, and the municipal building, in which the armory is located, has during the past few days presented quite an animated appearance. The company already has close on to 100 members, and its strength is being daily increased by recruits who are anxious to go to the Mexican border. The Mississippi troops will mobilize at Jackson, and while Capt. W. S. Mullins, who commands the company, has as yet received no definite orders, he and his men are ready to leave at a moment's notice.

The exercises at the park last night were inaugurated with a musical program which included solos, duets and other selections by local vocalists after which the presentation speech was delivered by Hon. J. I. Sturdivant, a prominent member of the local bar. This was followed by the presentation of the flag, a beautiful star-spangled banner, by Miss Jennie Sharp. The selection of Miss Sharp to represent the people of Columbus in presenting the flag to the Riflemen was a most happy one, as she is not only a pretty and highly accomplished young lady but is descended from ancestors of proven valor, her grandfather, the late Gen. J. H. Sharp, having been one of the most prominent generals in the civil war, and her father, Capt. T. H. Sharp, having commanded a company in the war with Spain. The flag, which was donated to its staff by a cord that bound a Confederate emblem to its staff and borne by Mr. Thomas Carr when he was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, was borne by the following young ladies: Misses Mary Hays, Hawley Senter Knox, Evelyn Caine, Carolyn Loeb, Frances Street, Catherine Beard, Louise Frierson, Jane Terry, Roberta Hays, Nina Stephenson, Rosalind Kaufman, Martha Ellison Weatherly, Eleanor Weatherly, Miriam Coburn, Anna Banks, Nell Kennedy, Virginia Moore, Martha Harris, Virginia Wilkinson, Martha Leigh and Juanita Gardner. Local Boy Scouts acted as guards of honor for the young ladies.

The affair was in charge of the following ladies and gentlemen, who deserve much credit for the energy and zeal which they displayed and for the success which attended their efforts: General committee on arrangements: Mr. S. B. Street Jr., Mr. Carroll Hackleman, Mr. V. B. Innes; Decoration, Mr. Irvin Kaufman; Transportation, Mr. Charles Hays; Ladies committee, Mrs. Z. P. Landrum, Mrs. Charles Hays, Mr. J. G. Weatherly, the efficient secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and other patriotic citizens generally also deserve credit for splendid work accomplished by them in behalf of the entertainment.

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Aberdeen Wins Again. Tupelo, Miss., June 21.—The third game of series between Tupelo and Aberdeen was won by the latter by the score of 8 to 4. Aberdeen won all three games of the series.

COLUMBUS TAKES TWO OUT OF THREE

LOCALS OUTWIT WEST POINT IN SERIES AT LAKE PARK.

LARGE CROWDS WITNESS GAMES

West Point Brass Band Played Monday Afternoon, and Occasion Was a Gala One.

While perhaps too slow to be exciting from a strictly sporting viewpoint, the opening game of the newly organized Northeast Mississippi League which was played at the Lake Park diamond Monday afternoon between Columbus and West Point brought much pleasure to a crowd of old-time fans who had seen few professional games since the disintegration of the old Cotton States League, and seasoned rosters yelled themselves hoarse cheering the Columbians, who won from West Point by a score of 10 to 5. Mayor Gunter loaned dignity to the occasion by tossing the first ball.

Trenchard, who was secured from the Kitty League by Manager Fuch, was on the focal mound, and gave a good account of himself. He was abnormally strong at the start, and three frames were played before a single one of the pigskin chasers from Clay county crossed the plate. The fourth and fifth rounds each netted the visitors one run, while in the sixth the locals became a bit rattled, and a series of hits and errors enabled the visitors to pile up four scores. Both Trenchard and his team mates soon settled down however, and during the remainder of the game nothing but goose eggs were chalked up on the score board by either team.

White started in to pitch for the visitors, but, proving untrue to his name, pitched "yellow ball," and was soon replaced by Ethridge, who succeeded in keeping his hits scattered.

The game was umpired by R. E. Shelton, formerly of Paris, Texas, who has been engaged by President Flynn to serve the league throughout the season, and his decisions gave general satisfaction.

The West Point band was on hand and discoursed music both before and during the intervals between the innings.

The score: R H E Columbus 253 000 00—10 13 5 West Point 000 110 400—6 7 6 Batteries: Trenchard and Stapleton; White, Ethridge and Reese. Umpire, Shelton; time, 2:10.

The Columbus and West Point clubs played their second game here Tuesday afternoon, and the visitors won by the score of 7 to 4.

Smith started in to pitch for the locals, and while strong at first, weakened as the game progressed, and in the eighth inning was relieved by Boyd, who kept his hits well scattered. The visitors, however, had secured a lead which it was impossible to overcome, having had the game practically won when Smith was taken out. Kinney, one of the star twirlers of the Mississippi A. & M. College team, was on West Point's firing line, and pitched good ball, having given up only 6 hits.

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